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Vivian Faith a TB advocate creates awareness in her community in Mathare North, Nairobi about the importance of visiting a medical facility. With support from TB ARC II, 70 TB champions like Vivian have been trained in Kenya to support, inform, and educate their peers and community. Photo: Geoffrey Mwangi/USAID

KENYA

TUBERCULOSIS ACCELERATED RESPONSE AND CARE II

The Tuberculosis Accelerated Response and Care II (TB ARC II) program supports Kenya's National Tuberculosis Leprosy Diseases Program (NTLD-P) in reducing the occurrence and number of deaths due to tuberculosis (TB) in Kenya. TB ARC II aims to improve TB case finding through active case finding initiatives in all counties; promote access to high quality patient-centered services for TB, drug-resistant TB, and TB/HIV; prevent TB transmission and disease progression; strengthen TB service delivery platforms; and accelerate research and innovation. The goal is to decrease the incidence of TB and TB-related morbidity and mortality in line with the 90-95-0 targets to end the TB epidemic.

OUR WORK

TB ARC II supports the NTLD-P with national-level coordination, policy formulation, the rapid scale-up of key interventions, and sustainable TB control initiatives. The program has developed strategic partnerships with the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease to provide technical expertise for capacity building and operations research; the Foundation for Innovative New

Diagnostics to support diagnostic initiatives; the STOP TB Partnership – Kenya for TB advocacy and multi-sectoral engagement of communities and leadership; and the Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium for the engagement of informal service providers in TB control. TB ARC II advocates for county-led implementation, strong health leadership and governance, and support for the National Strategic Plan 2019-2023, with a specific focus on adequate resource allocation and management, patient-centered initiatives, and social protection for all people with TB.

ACHIEVEMENTS

From October 2019 to September 2020, TBARC II has:

- Worked collaboratively with NTLD-P to support counties to implement various TB control activities, with 73,361 cases notified – 8 percent of them being children.
- Supported the development and launch of two policies on latent TB infection management and the use of injectable-free regimens for the management of drug-resistant TB, in collaboration with the NTLD-P.
- Supported the rollout of the injectable-free regimens for drug-resistant TB nationally.
- Supported county and sub-county TB coordinators in all 47 counties to facilitate TB support supervision to TB treatment sites in their counties, with the aim of improving quality of care.
- Supported sample transport for TB cultures from all health facilities nationally to the national TB reference laboratory, with a total of 11,319 samples transported.

BUDGET

USD \$34,933,017

DURATION

2018-2023

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

All 47 counties in Kenya
Regional Offices: Nairobi, Mombasa, Homa Bay, Meru

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Centre for Health Solutions Kenya

KEY PARTNERS

National Tuberculosis, Leprosy and Lung Disease Program, Kenya AIDS NGO Consortium, The Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics, The International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Stop TB Partnership-Kenya

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